

## Warrant Article Questionnaire Standard (Recurring) Town Agency Articles

### Section III – Questions with Response Boxes – To Be Completed By Petition Sponsor

Article #	Date Form Completed: 1/26/2021
Article Title: School Bus Transportation Subsidy	
Sponsor Name: Superintendent of Schools	Email: anolin@natickps.org

Question	Question																								
1	<p>Provide the article motion exactly as it will appear in the Finance Committee Recommendation Book and presented to Town Meeting for action.</p> <p>Note: Failing to provide a complete motion will likely require a rescheduling of the hearing to a later date.</p>																								
Response	Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$421,416 from Tax Levy for the purpose of operation and administration of the school bus transportation system for FY 2022, and to reduce or offset fees charged for students who elect to use the school bus transportation system for transportation to and from school, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Natick School Committee.																								
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?																								
Response	To continue the practice of the school bus transportation subsidy intended to keep the transportation fees affordable to parents.																								
3	What previous Warrant's has this Article appeared and what has been the actions taken by Finance Committee, other Boards or Committees and Town Meeting?																								
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	Comments:
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	To continue to provide additional funding from the Town of Natick in order to maintain school bus user fees to parents at a reasonable rate.
5	Does this article require funding, how much, from what source of funds and under whose authority will the appropriation be managed and spent?
Response	General funding, \$421,416, School Committee through its Superintendent of Schools
6	To the best of your knowledge has any other actions of recent Town Meetings, Massachusetts General Laws or CMR's or other such legislation or actions, created a conflict for this article's purpose and objective?
Response	None
7	To the best of your knowledge does a favorable action on the part of this Town Meeting create a conflict or a possible future conflict with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plans, comprehensive Master Plan, community values, or any relevant state laws and regulations?
Response	None
8	Is there anything contemplated in <u>the proposed motion</u> that is different than what was contemplated when the article was submitted for the warrant and in how it's expected this article will be executed if acted on favorably by Town Meeting?
Response	No

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9	If this Warrant Article is not approved by Town Meeting what are the consequences to the Town and to the sponsor(s)? Please be specific on both financial and other consequences?
Response	The school department would be faced with increasing the fee charged to parents to a higher amount, which would be a further financial burden to families. Additionally, many families may opt to drive their student(s) to and from schools which would increase traffic throughout the town and school site and create a possible safety issue with more pedestrian and car traffic. Currently personal vehicle traffic is heavy at Brown/Ben Hem Elementary and Kennedy/Wilson Middle Schools and any additional vehicle traffic would create further gridlock.